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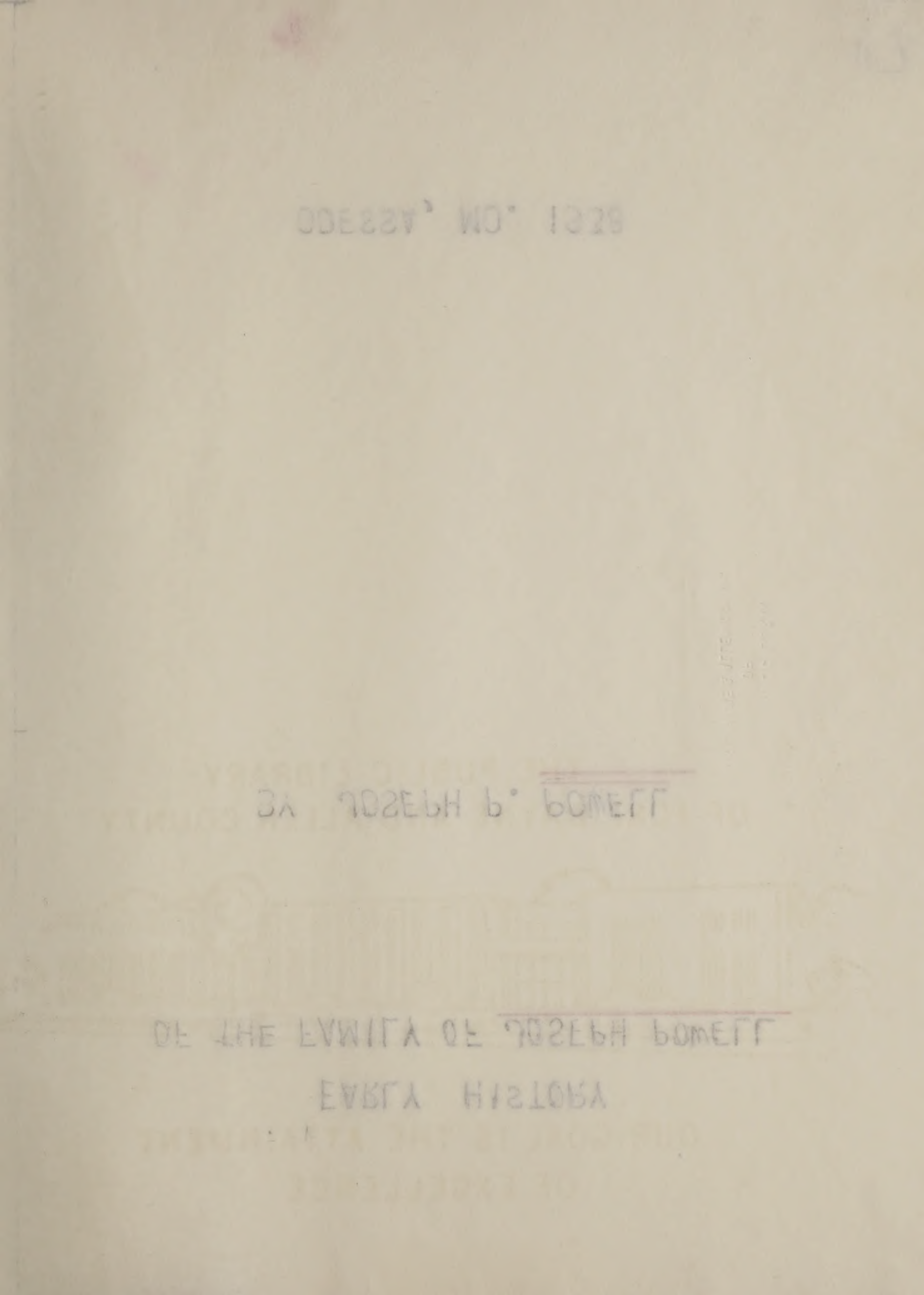

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EARLY HISTORY
OF THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH POWELL

By Joseph P. Powell, Odessa, Missouri. Written in 1938.

In the 1890's I attended school in William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri. Train service was so bad that I frequenty stayed overnight in Independence at Joseph Powell Bridges and his wife. He was a grandson of Joseph Powell. They talked much about the old Powells. I became interested in Powell History.

In 1895 or 1896 I lived in Oak Grove, Missouri. I frequently visited with Alvis Powell and the Noels of Lone Jack. Alvis Powell came to my home with his written records and I copied them. He kept a record of births, deaths and divorces. He was seven years old when he came with his father from Tennessee. He was raised on the farm where Salem Church is located. Mary Powell Adams, John Powell and Joab Powell were close neighbors. His father later moved to the Lone Jack neighborhood where he had moved shortly after his marriage. He was a close neighbor of Rachel Noel, Jane Beller; Ann Bridges lived near Blue Springs, not far away. He had an opportunity to gather family history. He was deeply interested in doing so. It is my desire to preserve the records of Alvis Powell.

All through the years I have jotted down facts as I have met them. In recent years I have corresponded with Jewell Mayes, Jefferson City. I have corresponded with Lenore Powell of Albany, Oregon; Lawrence David Powell of California: Oliver Powell of Roseburg, Oregon. I have often visited with the daughter of Joseph Bridges of Independence. I have examined old Bibles, I have examined the records at the Court House in Independence and Lexington, Missouri. Several times I have visited the Library in Kansas City, Missouri. I have recently read some of the oldest Histories of Jackson County, Missouri. I have talked with the oldest descendants of Joseph Powell. I feel that I have some

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pretty accurate facts.

The descendants of Joseph Powell are like the "descendants of [illegible] as the dust of the earth, like the stars of the heavens". [illegible] the names of the children and grandchildren. It is not possible [illegible] to trace all the descendants down to the present generations. [illegible] I shall give the names of some in each family who are interested in family history.

I am frequently asked, "Who were the ancestors of Joseph Powell?" ---"When was he born?"---"When did he come to Missouri?"---"Where did he live?"---"When did he die?"---"Where was he buried?"--- "Was he a revelutionary soldier?"

The record of Alvis Powell will be in quotation marks followed by other information that I have gathered from others. "The eldest Powell known was John. He married Nanrie Todd. They had three children; Abraham, Peggy and Joseph. We know nothing of Abraham or Peggy. Joseph is our ancestor.

Joseph was married three times.

FIRST: to Susan Edwards. They had three children: Thomas, Joseph, and Abraham.

SECOND: to Ruth Jones. They had one daughter, Ruth.

THIRD: to Hannah Jewson. They had nine children: John; Jonathon; Richard; Noah; Absalom; Ann; Jane; Mary; Rachel. He died about 1835 and she in 1844-? He is buried in Section 32, Township 50, Range 31, Jackson County, Missouri. She is buried in Section 12, Township 48, Range 31, Jackson County, Missouri.

We have to presume that the children of Joseph Powell knew who their parents were and who their grandparents were. My grandfather had been dead 27 years when I was born. I found out that my grandfather was Richard Powell. I learned that my great grandfather was Joseph Powell and that my great great grandfather was John Powell. I found out that my grandmother was Martha Patsy Hayes. My great grandfather was

Sherod Hayes Jr. and his father was Sherod Hayes Sr.

Alvis Powell was as intelligent as I am and he was more interested in family history than I am. He had a much better opportunity to find out than I have. I copied his records 43 years ago. He may have made the records 50 years before that. Are we going to believe him, or believe the guess work of someone born 100 years later? I think the ancestors of Joseph Powellwere John and Nannie Todd Powell.

Joseph Powell was a son of John and Nannie Todd Powell. A native, it is thought, of Pennsylvania or Virginia or of both. He migrated into the Clairborne County, Tennessee area in the 1780's or 1790's. He came to Missouri about 1830-31. He spent the last days of his life with his children. He was a religious man, a Quaker in belief. HeWas opposed to war and to instrumental music. We have an old book I found in the library of George Noel in 1895. Jewell Hayes now has it. It is on Quaker belief. He has many notations on blank leaves, some perhaps written by himself. "Remember man and bear in mind, a trusty friend is hard to find"---signed by Joseph Powell. "Joseph Powell is my name, English is my nation, America is my dwelling place, Christ is my salbation." It has the dates of the birth of some of his children. Records the birth of a great grandson by his daughter, Ruth. He is buried three miles east of Independence. Section 32, Township 50, Range 31. The first settlement of Joab Powell was made in this section in the year 1828. He possible owned the land where the cemetary is located. Joseph's death was February 14, 1835. His age 75, his birth in1760.

THOMAS**JOSEPH**ABRAHAM

Thomas is mentioned on the margin of the old book I referred to above. I know nothing of Joseph.

ABRAHAM POWELL

Abraham Powell, another of the three sons born to Joseph and Susan Edwards Powell, married Hannah Finley. They lived near Richmond,

Virginia. Later moved to Alabama. Died at an early age. Had at least one child. Susan (Susannah) Fote: Also Louisa Forry's (?), lived with Abraham as his daughter. This note written in by hand in the microfilm copy.

SUSAN (SUSANNAH) POWELL

A daughter of Abraham Powell and Hannah Finley Powell. Born March 30, 1804. On the death of her father was taken by her grandfather, Joseph Powell, to Powell Valley, Tennessee. She was brought up with his own children. She was married to Wiley Hayes, October 6, 1821. Wiley Hayes was a son of Tomas O. Hayes and Elizabeth Bridges Hayes. Joseph Powell gave him his grand daughter "on condition he give up his fiddle." In 1830 they came to Missouri and lived a few years in Howard County. In 1834 they settled in Ray County, near Knoxville. They had thirteen children. Twelve of whom lived to maturity. Susan died March 23, 1877. Willey died April 4, 1888.

Susan Powell, daughter of Abraham and Hannah Finley Powell, married Wiley Hayes of Ray County. I knew David Hayes better than any of their children. He married Maggie Noel of Lone Jack. Fathers home was halfway. They stopped on trips to Lone Jack. She had two children by a former marriage, Ernest and Watson Sanderton. They had a son William Hayes of Lee's Summit. Possibly one other child. I once visited William Hayes and have much of Wiley Hayes and Gina Stapleton. They are the parents of Jewel Hayes.

JEWELL HAYES

Jewell Hayes, a son of Wiley Hayes Jr. and Gina Stapleton Hayes. Born near Richmond, Missouri. Editor of Richmond Missourian. For many years Secretary of State Board of Agriculture and is still connected with that office at Jefferson City, Missouri. He is perhaps the best known Powell. Greatly interested in the Powell Family History. Likely had the most accurate data of anyone. I am often asked how he is related to Joseph Powell and the Powell family. We are proud of his long

clean official record and his upright Christian character. We are glad to claim kinship. His grandmother, Susan Powell Mayes, and a granddaughter of Joseph Powell, the ancestor of all Powells. He is further related to the family of Richard Powell. The third wife of Richard Powell was Martha Patsy Mayes, sister of Miley Mayes, the grandfather of Jewell. He is further related to the Bridges family. The wife of Thomas D. Mayes, his great grandfather, was Elizabeth Bridges. Anyone wishing information about the Mayes family can get if from Jewell Mayes, Jefferson City, Missouri. (He died at his home in Richmond, Missouri, in Feburary, 1944, according to the Missouri Dept. of Agriculture.)

CLA HUNT

She is a granddaughter of William Mayes. A great grandsaughter of Miley Mayes and Susan Powell Mayes. A member of the D. A. R. Interested in family history. Can furnish information on the Mayes and Powell families. Mrs. Bernard C. Hunt, Columbia, Missouri.

RUTH JONES POWELL

Joseph Powell was married the second time to Ruth Jones. They had one daughter, Ruth. "She married John Smith." On the margin of the old book is written "William Campbell Smith, son of John Smith and Ruth Smith, his wife, born March 17, 1812."

This is all I know about Ruth Jones Powell. If anyone has any further information I should like to have it.

NOTE: This is where the revised manuscript by Maude Finley Turnbow catches up with the older original one written by Joseph P. Powell of Odessa, Missouri.

"Founder" Joseph Powell married first: Susan Edwards, and their children were Abraham, Thomas and Joseph: Married second: Ruth Jones, they had one daughter Ruth who married John Smith. They had one son William Campbell Smith On the margin of the old book is written, William Campbell Smith, Son of John Smith and his wife Ruth Smith, born March 17, 1812.

Joseph Powell was married the third time to Hannah Jewson. They had nine Children: John, Jonathan, Richard, Joab, Absalow, Ann, Jane, Mary, and Rachel.

JOHN POWELL

The oldest Son of Joseph Powell and Hannah Jewson Powell was born May 27, 1793. Married Esther Beeler. They had nine children: John B., William, Ann, Rosannah, Barbara, Mary, Jane, Martha, and Susan. They came to Missouri in 1830 and first settled about three miles west of Lone Jack in Section 30 Township 47 Range 30. In 1833 they settled four miles East of Independence in Section 33 Township 50, Range 31. His wife esther died in 1853. In 1855 he was married to Catherine Jones. He died in 1857. The Probate records at Independence show that Catherine Jones Powell and above children were his heirs. Some of Them were dead and their children were heirs. So far have not located the grave of John Powell. He was possibly buried on his own farm and the grave lost.

JOHN B. POWELL

John B. Powell, the oldest son of John and Esther Beeler Powell for a long time lived on this farm of his father's. Later moved to a farm near Belton and later still to town. Is buried at Belton.

ROSANNAH POWELL

Rosannah Powell, daughter of John and Esther Beeler Powell, married W. I. Meador. They owned a large farm near Belton and also property in town. They are buried at Belton.

WILLIAM POWELL

William Powell, a son of John and Esther Beeler Powell was born February 1817. He was married to Rachel Beeler, October 6, 1840. Rachel Beeler was a daughter of Jane Beeler and was born July 28, 1824. They had The following Children: John Wesley; Esther Jane; Martha Caroline; [illegible] William died in early life. His wife Rachel later married John Daniel of Lone Jack. They had one daughter named Julia. She married John Shauhan.

MARY CATHERINE POWELL

Mary Catherine Powell, a daughter of William and Rachel Beeler Powell, was born November 25, 1846. She married Joseph Anderson Whitsitt. They lived on a farm East of Odessa. Later moved to Odessa. She died April of 1934. Special mention is made of her because she kept a record considered most important. Her father was a son of John Powell. Her mother was a daughter of Jane Beeler. The wife of John Powell was also a Beeler. She kept a record of the family of John Powell and the family of Jane Beeler Powell and also the family of her parents and brothers and sisters. On these Bible leaves, yellow with age and faded ink, is written "Joseph Powell died February 14, 1835. Age 75. Mary C. Powell Whitsitt." This would make his Birth 1760.

The fact that Mary Powell preserved the day of birth of our ancestor Joseph will cause her to live in the memory of coming generations. Figure this out: Her mother was a Beeler, both her grandmothers were Beelers. Her father was a Powell. One of her grandgathers was a Powell. Joseph Powell was her great grandfather on both the Powell and Beeler side. She had one child, a son James A Whitsitt. He married Rose M. Gordy. They had five children: Venita; Ruth; Joanna; Fleetwood and Gordy.

JONATHON POWELL

Jonathon Powell second son of Joseph and Hannah Jewson Powell, was born March 14, 1795. Married Anna Rice; Aunt of Martin Rice. They had fourteen Children. George; Calvin; James; Elmira; Joseph; Polly; Richard; Jonathon; Martin; Roseanna; Hiram; Alvis; Isaac and Silas

He was born and lived in Claiborne County, Tennessee. Two of his sons; Calvin & Jonathan Jr., came to Missouri in the year 1840 and settled near Peculiar in Cass County. They prospered and insisted their parents come to Missouri. They offered them a farm if they would come. Jonathon and Anna came to Missouri in 1851. Stopped for a few days at the home of Absalom Powell near Lone Jack. Brothers, Jonathon and Abselom having married sisters, Anna and Elizabeth Rice. He took sick with chalera and died. He is buried in Pleasant Gardens Cometery. His wife Anna Rice Powell, moved to the farm given them by their sons. She was buried in County Cemetery and her grave has been lost.

REV. THOMAS POWELL

Thomas L. Powell was a son of Calvin Powell and a grandson of Jonathon Powell. Born near Peculiar, in Cass County, Missouri. He married Penelope Hayes, attended William Jewell College. Studied for the ministry. Was a pastor at Lone Tree, Willow Spring, New Liberty, Kansas City, Miami and Mayview. Served for many as Missionary of Lafayette and Johnson County Association. When he retired from the Ministry he moved to Odessa. Died a few years ago and is buried in Odessa Cemetety. He as author of Powell-Laffoon Family Tree.

Of Jonathon and Anna's family James, George, Elmira, and Polly died in their native state, where their families mostly are. Calvin came to Missouri in 1840 and married a daughter of his mother's Aunt Patsy Bailey. Jonathon, Marin and Roseanna Powell Laffoon live in

their mothers old neighborhood. Joseph and Hiram died in Kansas. Alvis was killed during the Great Civil War. Issac died in Arkansas, and Richard lives in Kansas. See supplement attached.

Supplement. Rev. Thomas Powell anyone wanting information of the descendants of Jonathan Powell will find it in the book Powell-Lafoon Family Tree

Miss Deluene Powell Poulian, Missouri, is interested in this family.

RICHARD POWELL

Third son of Joseph and Hannah Jewson Powell was born in Claiborn County, Tennessee. He was married three times. First to Rachel Jeems. They had six children: Hannah, Ann, Mary, Jane, David and Joseph. Second: he was married to Barbara Miriam McClelland. They had one son, James.

Third: he was married to Martha Patsy Mays, sister of Wiley Mays of May County. They had four children: Francis Marion, George W., Andrew (died in infancy), and Thomas J. "Quote by Alvis Powell.

The first wife of Richard Powell, Rachel Jeems Powell, died in 1829. Is buried on the old homestead. They came to Missouri in 1820 and settled 10 miles south of Lexington in the year 1820. They were the first settlers in Washington Township, his nearest neighbor was ten miles distance away. He was a successful farmer and accumulated about 1200 acres of land. Their two oldest daughters Hannah and Mary married men (brothers) William and John Robinette. Went with Joab Powell to Oregon in 1852. Ann married Silas Peters. They spent their lives near Brookfield. Jane married Eli Adams, lived on part of Richards land and raised a large family. They are buried in the old family cemetary. Joseph died when young. David was married twice and had fifteen children. Most of them buried in the old cemetary.

Richards second marriage to Barbara McClelland was short. They lived together about one year and had one son, James. He died at the

age of twelve years. There were no triangles in those days. She lived in Independence Locality. She wanted him to sell Laffayette and to near Independence. He thought the sacrifice too great. She went and thought he would come. He thought she would come back, neither happened and divorce followed.

His third marriage was to Martha Patsy Mayes about the year 1833. Their children were: Francis Marion, George W., Andrew (died in infancy), and Thomas. Richard died September 9, 1840. Martha, 1884.

FRANCIS MARION POWELL

Francis Marion Powell, son of Richard and Martha P. Mayes Powell, went with Joab to Oregon in 1852. Married a Miss Jeems, a sister of the first wife of his father. They had five children: four boys and one girl (1938). Oliver is still living in Roseburg, Oregon. Etta at Bellingham, Washington.

In 1875 he came to Missouri on a visit and married Jane Basham. They had one daughter, Ollie. Her mother died when she was two and my mother kept her for two years. Her father married again and came for her. He died in 1906 and is buried at Brownsville. Olive lives at Berkley, California.

GEORGE W. POWELL

George W. Powell, son of Richard and Martha P. Mays Powell, was born in 1837. He attended William Jewel College. Taught school. Went to Oregon in 1865, married and established a home at Stayton, Oregon. They had no children. He died in 1912 and is buried at Stayton.

THOMAS J. POWELL (Father of the author)

Thomas J. Powell, son of Richard and Martha P. Mayes Powell, was born March 26, 1840. His father died in September when he was six months old. His mother took him and his brothers Francis M. and George W. and went to Jackson County, Missouri near Helem Church to be near Joab Powell. Later Thomas and George and their mother came back to Laffayette

County and bought part of the old homestead. He married Dorinda Hatton. He bought the interest of his brother George. He was a successful farmer and stockman. Accumulated most of the land owned by his father. They had thirteen children. Seven of whom lived to maturity. Joseph P., Walter, and Mrs. Etta Ryland of Odessa. Milton S., of Shelbyville, Missouri. He was a man of unusual natural ability. Was a Union Soldier.

As a father, firm and positive, but kind and sympathetic. By example and precept taught us industry, economy, sobriety, honesty, truthfulness, charity, reverence. He never used even a byword. Never told a "shady" story and would not permit anyone else to do so, or swear in the presence of his children. I(author), never fully appreciated him until he was gone. Like all others he had his faults but less faults and more virtues than anyone I ever knew. I have often wondered if these noble traits of character were due to the teaching of his Uncle Joab in his young and tender years. He must have sat on that great knee. He must have felt a heavy hand on his head. There may have been a silent prayer uttered for the future of the little orphan boy.

He gave up the farm in 1904 and moved to Odessa. He died in August of 1907 and was buried in Odessa Cemetery. Dorinda Hatton Powell was born in April, 1841. She had all the qualities of a faithful and devoted wife and mother. Kind and patient with her children. A woman with good judgement. Her advice and help were sought by her neighbors. She died September 19, 1925.

JOSEPH P. POWELL (Author of this account)

Joseph P. Powell, son of Thomas and Dorinda Hatton Powell was born December 6, 1867. Raised on a farm northeast of Odessa, Missouri. Attended country school and high school at Odessa. William Jewell College at Liberty, Missouri and Southern Babtist Seminary at Louis-

ville, Kentucky. Was in the ministry until 1900. On account of failing health gave it up. Have been in business since.

JOAB POWELL

Joab Powell, fourth son of Joseph and Hannah Jewson Powell was born in Claiborne County, Tennessee, July 16, 1799. He was married to Ann Beeler in june 1817. They came to Missouri in 1828 and settled three miles east of Independence, Missouri in Section 32, Township 50, Range 31. Also entered land in Sections 28 and 29. Later acquired a farm west of Ione Jack, and later a farm south of Blue Springs in Section 18, Township 48, Range 31. He seemed to be a successful farmer. He gave most of his time to preaching. Not only as a pastor of churches but in missionary work all over the country. We often find him in the Lone Jack locality preaching in houses and groves. He was pastor at Six Mile Church. This church is situated on the west edge of Section 7, Township 50, Range 30. It is called Six Mile because the Government bought from the Osage Indians a tract six miles square adjacent to Fort Osage (Later Fort Libby). This church was in this territory. The Church was founded in 1826. Joab Powell soon came and settled five miles south. They had their first meetings under a large tree. Later they built a log house. He became pastor and was pastor for a long time. They now have there a frame building. It is situated on the slab leading from Highway 24 to Silbey. It is now rather in a prosperous condition. It is four miles northeast of the Salem Church.

SALEM CHURCH

This church was originated with a few members in 1827. Joab Powell soon came to Missouri and became pastor of this church. Stephen Adams was clerk. The records of the church were lost from 1827 to 1843. In 1843 Joab was pastor and Absalom Powell was clerk. Their first house was log, the next was frame. The present is a

large brick building. It is located in Section 21, Township 50, Range 31 on land owned by Absalom Powell, on Highway 24, from Independence to Lexington, just west of the McCume home. It is about seven miles northeast of Independence. The home of John and Joab Powell is two miles south. The home of Stephen and Mary Powell Adams is one mile north. Salem is a country church and not a town as some think.

PLEASANT GROVE

Blue Springs: This is located in the southeast quarter of Section 30, Township 49, Range 31. So called because it had many springs and their waters flowed into Little Blue. The Babtist Church here was organized in 1842 by Joab Powell and Lewis Franklin. It had at first only fourteen members. It was supplied by Joab Powell and Franklin alternately. Rev. William White was the first regular pastor. They first worshiped in dwellings, then a log house, then a frame building. It now has a modern brick building. The pastorates of Joab seemed to be confined to the northern part of the country. His activities extended to the Lone Jack neighborhood.

PLEASANT GARDEN

The first preaching service in part of Jackson County was north of Pleasant Hill on the southern border of Jackson County. The preachers were Joab Powell and James Savage. Mr. Savage was pastor for several years. Meetings were held in homes. Joab had an old friend Thomas Hamlin come from Tennessee. He helped him find his location in Section 25, Township 47, Range 30. He built a home which was used for religious services. In 1837 this church became divided over the Mission question. Part of the Missionary element went to Lone Jack and built a small church called Bethel. The old Pleasant Garden Church continued as a hardshell church. Hiram Bowman served it as pastor until his death in 1872. The old log church was sold and torn down. The farm was bought by a man named Rheems. The

Cemetery is now called Rheem Cemetery. It is one mile south and one mile west of Lone Jack.

LONE JACK

Lone Jack: So called because of a lone Black Jack tree that stood on the prairie about a mile north of the present site of Lone Jack, Missouri. This tree died in 1861. The Lone Jack Babtist Church was organized October 29, 1842, by elders Joseph White, William White, Henry Farmer and Joab Powell. Farmer was first called as pastor. He served as pastor for twenty years. The Church still exists. Has a frame building and worships half time. Present pastor is Roy Johnson of Independence.

The activities of Joab Powell were not confined to the pastorate or in Missions work or organizing churches and helping them to obtain pastors. Each year he held a camp meeting about six miles south of Blue Springs. Here there were some mineral springs and a large grove of trees. Possibly on the farm later owned by the Honorable W. H. Wallace. There was a certain tree, and under this tree a large flat rock. This was known as Joab's Pulpit. The waters of the springs gathered below and formed the babtismal pool. These meetings lasted for weeks. The people came in wagons, ox carts and horseback; from Salem, Sibley, Westport; from Greenton and Lexington, in Lafayette County. They camped and attended these meetings. This camp site is now covered by the waters of Lake Rotawana. A few years later there sprang up many churches not far from this camp site. New Liberty and Oak Grove to the north. Sin (Sni) Mills and Kingsville to the south in Johnson County. Lee's Summit and Willow Springs to the west. They no doubt grew from seed planted by Joab Powell in his camp meetings.

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH

Martin Rice tells us that the last days of Joab Powell in Missouri were saddened by the divisions in the churches over the Mission

question. Some were torn asunder. Some continued in the same organization but were divided in belief. In the very late '40s or early '50s he moved from the Salem neighborhood to his farm three miles south of Blue Springs. He took the Missionary side of the controversy. Rice tells us he built a church with his own money and labor. He invited no one to membership except those missionary in spirit. The charter members of this church were those of his own household. They were: Joab Powell, John Powell, Elias Powell, Emily Powell, Rebecca Powell, Joab Powell Jr., Mary Powell, Ann Powell, Absalom Powell. (The Powell-Laffoon Family Tree, by Rev. Thomas L. Powell, page 19, and Joab Powell Homespun Missionary by Leona Nichols, on page 14, both say these are the charter members of Salem. This could not be true. Salem Church was organized in 1827. One year before Joab came to Missouri.)

One of the charter members of Pleasant Valley Church was Abraham T. Powell, the youngest son of Joab. He was not born until 1841. Was only eleven years old when he went with his father to Oregon. They did not receive members in those days as young as they do now. It has to be that this church was not organized until a short time before his departure for Oregon.

Rice tells us that to this church he drew larger crowds than any preacher in the country. Rice tells us it was located four miles southeast of Blue Springs. He does not give the name of the church. (I have made diligent search for information because it was the last work of Joab Powell in Missouri.) Lillian and Mary Randall are daughters of Joseph and Laura Bridges. They are granddaughters of James and Ann Powell Bridges. They were brought up on the old homestead and now own it. They say there was an old log church about two miles east of their home. They say it was called Pleasant Valley.

Elder J.J. Robinson was contemporary with Joab. In the '50s he was pastor at West Fork, over toward Ray town. In his writings he

tells of a young man named Bowers. He says he was ordained in 1850. Did not live very long. Died of pnuemonia contracted while holding a successful meeting at Pleasant Valley. Putting these things together it makes it very clear that this was the last work of Joab in Missouri. This church was no doubt, later absorbed by the Blue Springs and New Liberty churches.

In 1852 Joab and his wife and children and many of his relatives left for Oregon where he felt he could do more good. Where he could get away from the controversy and bitterness over the Missionary question. Two of his boys, Daniel and Silas, had proceeded him in 1850. Two sons, Eli and Jonathon, died while living near Salem and are no-doubt buried in the Moore Cemetery by their grandfather, Joseph Powell.

It would be interesting to know the names of those who went with him. Among them, John and Jane Powell Beeler. Richard Powell had two daughters, Hannah and Mary (Polly), his son Francis Marion. Robert Moore who married Esther Powell, daughter of Joab. Most of the children of John and Jane Powell, Hiram Rice Powell. Peter and Nancy Cyrus Powell and their four oldest children, and many others. On his arrival in Oregon his first act was to establish a home, his next act was to cut logs and build a church. In 1853 he organized the Providence Church. Was its pastor until his death. It was about five miles from Scio, Linn County, Oregon. This church grew to a membership of 400 or 500. His activities were about the same as in Missouri. He went out from his church to "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth." He preached in groves in summer, dwellings in winter. Town halls, too, always drew a crowd. He also took part in the civil development of the Pacific Northwest. Used good judgement about the slavery question. Was in demand for addresses before Colleges and the State Legislature. He died January 25, 1873. I am doubtful if any man lived in Missouri 100 years ago who still lives in the memory of so

many people. I doubt if any man lived in Oregon at the same time with him who stamped himself so indelibly in the religious and civic developement of the area.

With the above facts before us we are led to believe that he was a great man. He is certainly the best known, best loved and best remembered of all the Powells. I find some conflicting statements are made by the same author. We find some statements taken alone would make him a backwoods ignoramous. In addition to the above facts what evidence do we have that he was really great? A writer of his time says Joab was far above the average. "Joab Powell possessed a giant mind and a penetrating voice." He was a power for good in any community in which he lived. He moved to Oregon. He preached for many years, died beloved by a vast number of friends". Quote by Elder J.J. Robinson. "Joab Powell was possessed of good common sense, natural ability, a good reputation for honesty and industry, and full of the milk of human kindness." Quote by Martin Rice.

An Oregonian Historian says his work there is comparable to that of John the Babtist and the Apostle Paul. Another has said if he had lived the days of Christ and His Deciples his name would be mentioned in the Holy Writ. There are three things that detract from the greatness of Joab Powell. I do not hope to overcome these except in the mind of those who love him. A lot of silly stories and jokes have been told on most preachers since the days of Paul. The B abtist Annals of Oregon says that they were fabrications and exagerations out of all reason.

It is hard to account for them or their origin. He was a jovial man, knew how to mix with all classes. Entered into games with children. Knew how to joke and how to take a joke. Some have been told and been printed for the truth a hundred times since. I have never seen an article written of Joab without saying that he preached from

the "One I chapter of two I John." Sixty years ago, Martin Rice, his old neighbor in Tennessee and Jackson County, Missouri quotes this and says it is not true, "A made tale, no doubt." They keep on both here and in Oregon quoting it for truth. One gets the impression that he never preached without using this "ONE EYED TEXT."

Another story often written here is that he preached from the "Epistle of General Peter" instead of the General Epistle of Peter. The origin of this story is that Joab loved to argue and debate. Rice tells us of a debate he had with Jacob Gregg four miles southeast of Blue Springs at a school house on the question "Which has the greater cause for complaint, the Negro or the Indian?" Joab represented the Negro. Gregg won the decision but it did not change the opinion of Joab. When he went to Oregon he made speaches against slavery. They say "the power of his logic made men and women weep." When the Oregon Constitution was adopted, three fourths of the Babtists voted against slavery largely through the influence of Joab.

He had an arguement with an educated man on some Theological question. This man quoted learned authorities, Dr. so and so. When it came Joab's turn he used the Bible. He was always full of wit. He would quote from the Bible and give his authority as Dr. Paul, Dr. Peter or General Paul or General Peter. All these foolish stories originated in about the same way.

Another thing that distracts from his greatness is pictures published claiming to represent his likeness. His son describes him as six feet tall and weighing 300 pounds. Others who knew him said he had piercing blue eyes, thin lips drooping at the corners. Heavy hair that he mussed by a habit of running his hand through it. He wore loose fitting homemade clothes. The picture I have of him represents him like that. Many that I see represent him as a man of about 150 pounds. The pictures in the book "TRAIL BLAZERS" in the Public Library and the

book of Leona Nichols of Portland, Oregon do not represent a single feature of Joab. Some look like mondeys. Some look like idiots.

Away back in the long ago someone wrote that "Joab was a very ignorant man." This has been quoted a hundred times. If the first man had not said it, it would never have been said. It is not true and the rest of us get it from the first man who said it. He never had an opportunity of obtaining an education. He was converted in 182 4. Began to preach soon after. No doubt he broke the rules of grammar. It is said that one could read him a chapter from the Bible and he could repeat it.

All of us know that he was not a college man. There were not many colleges in those days. No public schools. Perhaps a few months a year, Subscription School. Martin Rice, an old friend and neighbor of Joab never went to school but three months. He became a school teacher, a surveyer, a mathematician, a poet. What Martin Rice could in his line Joab could do in his line.

He was a full graduate of the University of Experience and Hard Knocks. For 50 years he sat at the feet of the Great Teacher "Who spake as never man spake." He felt the lack of an education. When he went to Oregon he gave much of his time to help establish colleges. Providence Church made contributions. He visited public schools, sang and read the Bible and made talks.

Just a short time ago I read in a Jackson County paper a History of Six Mile Church. As usual it said "Joab was a very ignorant man." That he preached from the "One I chapter of two I John." That he preached from the "Epistle of General Peter." There was time in the life of all of us when we were very "ignorant." All we know we have learned. Is it possible that Joab never learned any thing in 50 years of public life? I have seen the above statement one hundred times or more. I doubt very much if anyone who ever wrote them know half as

much as Joab.

[illegible] a religious fanatic. He [illegible] his Bible in heart almost. He knew human nature. He knew the sinfulness of sin. He believed that the "Gospel of Christ was the power of God unto salvation to every one who believed." He believed that "There is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." He believed that "The Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth from all sin." With all his might he tried to spply the remedy.

In Jackson County, Missouri and in Oregon he worked siligently. He was always pastor of one or more churches. In Providence there were three ordained ministers. He frequently left his church in their hands. He rode all over the entire state holding meetings. Preaching in groves, dwellings, school houses and town halls. He kept in touch with the Legislature at Salem and helped make the laws to shape the futrue destiny of his state.

The activities and achievements of his life contradict the old repeated statement that "he was a very ignorant man." These foolish stories belittle him in the minds of those who do not know him. They have little effect on those who know him and those who think. The strange thing is that modern writers who claim to think, keep on publishing and broadcasting them all over the country fifty years after he is dead. Placing these foolish storied in Public Libraries to be read by future generations. Martin Rice said "a made tale." All of them are "made tales" tacked on fifty years after Joab was dead, by modern writers.

One of the old time writers said "when he came into the pulpit preliminary to preaching, he bowed his face in his hands, and engaged in silent prayer, then lifted his face toward Heaven. He seemed to be looking through and open door---With a heavenly vision and a deving message, he spoke as if his lips had been touched with a "live coal

from off the altar." Those who came to scoff and criticise went away to pray, repent and believe. It was not an uncommon thing for Joab to baptize 50 in one day.

If all Christians were as deeply religious and as deeply in earnest as Joab Powell, we could "beat our swords into plow shares and our spears into pruning hooks." Nation would not lift up sword against nation, neither learn war any more.

AFTER FIFTY YEARS

Fifty years from the death of Joab, more than one thousand of his followers came back to Old Providence Church to erect a monument to his mentory. In former years some had been boys and girs in his Sunday School. Some of them were the boys who had climbed out on the limbs that overhung his babtismal pools. Some of them from all over the state that he had babtized "in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." He had planted seed in fertile soil. Jesus said "Whereunto shall we liken the Kingdom of God, or with what comparison shall we compare it? It is like the grain of mustard, which when it is sown in the earth is less than all seeds which be in the earth. But when it is sown it groweth up and becometh greater than all the herbs and shooteth out branches so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it."

"The seed grows we know not how. The earth bringeth forth fruit of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear." "After 50 years the frosts of Winter have come. Harvest time is here. They come back from all parts of Oregon and other states. Some are progessors in Colleges, some prominent lawyers. Some judges from the Supreme Court of Oregon, some prominent doctors. Some prominent business men, some successful farmers. Some editors of the leading journals. After 50 years they are here to pay tribute to respect to the Old Pioneer, who in early life planted their feet in the straight and narrow path that led to success in this world and in the world

to come, Life Eternal."

Some were on the program from long distances and for long addresses. Several were allotted 10 minutes, many more seven minutes each. There were no foolish stories, but beautiful tributes to a life well lived.

Dr. John B. Horner presided and made a beautiful address. Senator L. L. Burtenshaw of Council, Idaho expressed hish appreciation of being invited to address the early pioneers in his native country, stating that he traveled over 500 miles to be present.

Honorable M. M. Perry of Springfield made a beautiful address. "I have long cherished the thought we have down deep in our conciousness, a "Holy of Holies" where to someone we look with a special reverence and thankfulness for the better influence that became a part of our making, something makes us know that the good, the beautiful and true are ours by inheritance, something that cannot be taken away from us, and that moths and rust cannot corrupt."

Other tributs are to be found in the book "HOMESPUN MISSIONARY" by Leona Nichols. Another writer says; "Had Uncle Joab lived in the days of Christ and the Apostles, he would surely have been mentioned in Holy Writ. His work is comparable to the work of Paul and John the Babtist."

As sure as John the Baptist was raised up to be a fore runner of Jesus, as sure as Paul was "the chosen vessel to the Gentiles" so surely was Joab Powell chosen to blaze the way in Missouri and Oregon for future generations. The life of Joab Powell stands as an example to all descendants of Joseph Powell that it is far better to spend one's life in the service of God and humanity rather than spend it in the service of Mammon and "enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

Much of the information on Joab Powell I have received from his great-grandson Lawrence David Powell, of California, and the book by M. Leona Nichols of Portland, Oregon, "HOMESPUN MISSIONARY."

Joab Powell and All Beeler were the parents of fourteen children. Born in Tennessee and Missouri, they were as follows: John, Elias, Peter, Silas, Esther (Easter), Daniel, Mary, Jonathon, All, Eli, Joab Jr., William, Abraham and Barbara. (Last two are twins.)

Silas and Daniel went to Oregon in 1850, members of the Charles Rice wagon train. Silas having married Harriet Rice. daughter of Charles The end of the trail for the members of this train was Brownsville, Oregon, Linn County. Silas took a donation land claim just a little northwest of there near the base of the Powell Hills which bear his name. Jonathon and Eli died near Salem Church in Missouri and are buried in Moore Cemetery with their grandfather Joseph. All the rest went to Oregon with their parents in 1852. Joab left no direct descendents in Missouri.

SILAS POWELL

Silas Powell was the fourth son of Joab and Ann Beeler Powell. John, Elias and Peter having preceded him in that order. He was a native of Tennessee. Born March 26, 1825 in Claiborne County. Went with his parents to Missouri in 1828. Married Harriedt Rice on December 18, 1845, emigrated to Oregon 1850. Silas migrated to Oregon two years before his father, Joab. They had eleven children: David, Sarah, Mary, John, Arminta, Emma, Theodosia, Hiram, Charles, Nancy and Olive. Silas went to California in 1869 and died on the road there.

DAVID CROCKET POWELL

David Crocket Powell, a son of Silas and Harriet Rice Powell, a native of Jackson County, Missouri was born July 22, 1847. Went to Oregon with his parents in 1850 and to California in 1869. Married Martha Cora Petty on November 21, 1877. Died December 1, 1896. They had three children and one adopted daughter. Ira, Troy, Scott and (adopted) Claudia.

IRA JOSEPH POWELL

Ira Joseph Powell, a son of David Crocket Powell and Martha

Cora Petty Powell, was a native of San Luis Ovispo County, California. Born October 10, 1878. Died April 26, 1932. Married Cecile Emma Rich on August 18, 1903. They had one son, Lawerence David Powell.

DAVID LAWRENCE POWELL

Lawrence David Powell, a son of Ira Joseph and Cecile Emma Rich Powell. Now (1937) lives at 737 East Orange St., Santa Maria, California. He is a great great grandson of Joab Powell. He is deeply interested in family history. Makes diligent search for information of descendents of Joseph Powell. He is prompt to answer letters. He can furnish information of Joab and his descendents. I have obtained much information that has assisted me on writing sketches on the children of Joab Powell. Has much valuable information of the family of John and Jane Powell Beeler.

ABRAHAM THOMAS POWELL

Abraham Thomas Powell, the youngest son of Joab and Ann Beeler Powell. Born in Jackson County, Missouri September 1, 1841. Had a twin sister Barbara. Went with his parents to Oregon in 1852. Spent his life near Providence Church. He was a successful business man. Accumalated much land and mining stock. Died November 15, 1932. Burried in Providence Cemetery. Survived by four daughters, Mrs.Lora Davidson, of Sacremento, California. Mrs. Iva Abbott and Mrs. Loulla Phillippi of Scio, Linn County, Oregon. And Mrs. Britts Yates, of Hermosa Beach, California.

ABSALOM POWELL

Absalom Powell was the fifth and youngest son of Joseph and Hannah Jewson Powell. Born in Claiborne County, Tennessee on March 27, 1803. Married Elizabeth Rice, an aunt of Martin Rice. They had nine children: Alvis, Mattie, Louise, Hannah, Rachel, Rebecca, Joseph, Oliver, and Hiram. Mattie Tucker, Louise Harris, Hannah Tyson, Rachel Bolcher and Rebecca Wood lived in the Lone Jack neighborhood. Joseph

lived in Kansas and died in Topeka.

HIRAM RICE POWELL

Hiram Rice Powell, son of Absalom and Elizabeth Rice Powell, was born July 12, 1834 near Independence, Jackson County, Missouri. He died in Brownsville, Linn County, Oregon on February 11, 1908 and is buried in the Pleasant Butte Babtist Cemetery near Brownsville.

His father, Absalom, was the fifth, and youngest son, of Joseph and Hannah Jewson Powell, who were early settlers in Claiborne County, Tennessee. Elizabeth Rice Powell, the wife of Absalom, was the daughter of James and Rebecca Miller Rice.

Hiram crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852 with his uncle, the Rev. Joab Powell. The wagon train of which they were members consisted of 40 wagons, and 100 men were in this caravan, their route leading them by way of Fort Kearny, Fort Laramie, Fort Hall, and Fort Boise. They then proceeded by way of Grande Ronde, Tygh Valley and the Barlow Gates, crossing the Cascade Mountains into the Willamette Valley by the Barlow Road.

Hiram settled first near the city of Brownsville, where he lived until 1856, when he moved into town. He was married twice. His first wife was Mary Ann Cochran, whom he married September, 11, 1856. (Linn County Marriage Records, Book A, Page 66.) She was born in Missouri in 1838, and was the daughter of William and Polly Johnson Cochran, who emigrated to Oregon in 1847, and to Linn County in 1849, where they settled on a land claim about a mile north of Brownsville. Mary Ann died November 12, 1863 and is buried in the Pleasant Butte Babtist Cemetery. By this marriage there were four children:

1. Oliver T. Powell, born 1857. Died 1860. Buried in Pleasant Butte Babtist Cemeter.

2. William Silas Powell, born January 19, 1859. Died May 12, 1933. Married first to Junietta Willson. Married second to Gertrude Alisky.

3. Frank C. Powell, born 1861. Died in infancy. Buried in Pleasant

Butte Babtist Cemetery.

4. M. Roberta Powell, born 1862. Died 1863. Buried in Pleasant Butte Babtist Cemetery.

On March 14, 1869 Hiram Rice Powell was married second to Mary Elizabeth Sommerville. (Linn County Marriage Records, Book B, Page 295.) She was born January 3, 1846 at Bloomfield, Illinois and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1853 with her parents Joseph and Mary Clark Sommerville who located on a claim east of Harrisburg, Oregon. She died April 24, 1929 and is buried in the Pleasant Butte Babtist Cemetery. They had seven children, four of whom died of diptheria and are buried near their parents in the above cemetery.

1. Mary Bell Powell, born 1870. Died 1876.
2. Emma L. Powell, born 1871. Died 1876.
3. Joseph A Powell, born 1873. Died 1876.
4 Infant, born and died 1876.
5. Lenore E. Powell, born March 3, 1879. Never married. Died November 11, 1953.
6. Lulu a Powell, born 1881. Married Will H. Ross, August 10, 1904.
7. Elsie Powell, born 1883. Married Rufus W Tripp.

This account of Hiram Rice Powell was copied from The Rice Family History by Maude Turnbow, of Eugene, It being much more complete than that in the old Joseph Powell manuscript.

Hiram Rice Powell was a Babtist. His obituary, in the Brownsville Times, February 14, 1908, mentioned that he was one of Linn County's most prominent pioneers, and that he was the second person to join the Brownsville Babtist Church when it was first organized in 1853. (At that time it was the old Pleasant Butte Babtist Church.)

He served in the Indian Wars of 1855-56, enlisted first at Eugene City of October 24, 1855 and became a member of Captain Jonathon Keeney's Company C, 2nd Regiment, Oregon Mounted Volunteers in the Rogue Indian War. He was a 4th Sargent in this Company. In the Yakima Indian War he was enlisted at Salem in 1856 and served as a private

in Captain John H. Settle's Company D.

He was City Commissioner of Brownsville for one term, and in 1878 was elected to the office of Linn County Commissioner. Again, in 1906, he was elected County Commissioner.

OLIVER POWELL

Oliver Powell, son of Absalom and Elizabeth Rice Powell. It is generally said that he went to war. Never returned and was never heard from. Supposed to have been killed in Mississippi. In Pleasant Garden Cemetery is a grave beside Elizabeth Rice Powell, on the marker of which is inscribed "OUR BROTHER". On the family monument is inscribed "OLIVER POWELL". "Born February 1840. Died October 4, 1862." It may be that his brothers and sisters made this grave and placed this monument here that they might think of him sleeping beside his mother at Pleasant Garden rather than lost in war and buried in an unknown grave.

Absalom came to Missouri in the year 1831. Settled on land in Section 21, Township 50, Range 31. The Salem Church was later built on his land. His farm was on both sides of State Highway 24. The part on the south side is immediately west of the Mc Cune home. In the late 40's he moved to Lone Jack neighborhood and became the owner of a large body of land about three miles west of Lone Jack. Died April 28, 1851. Elizabeth Rice Powell was born in the year 1800 and died in 1856. Both are buried in the Pleasant Garden Cemetery.

ALVIS POWELL

Alvis Powell was a son of Absalom and Elizabeth Rice Powell. Born in Tennessee, October 6, 1824. He came to Missiouri with his parents in 1831 at the age of seven years. He was raised on the farm of his father in Section 21, Township 50, Range 31. Just east of Salem Church and west of Mc Cune home. He married a Miss Belcher, a close neighbor. They moved to the Lone Jack neighborhood and established a home three miles west. They had several children. His first wife died and he later married Elizabeth Hunt, a sister of Noah Hunt, the pioneer miller

of Lone Jack. They had several children. Two are still living (1938). Oliver lives on a farm near Cockrell. John lives on the old farm of his father and married Prudence Harris. He died August 30, 1912 and is buried at Lone Jack.

He was the family historian. He loved his relatives. Visited with them. Recorded the information that he obtained from them. Came to my home in Oak Grove in 1895. Had his data and I copied it. Had it not been for him much of the family history would have been lost. he was eleven years old when Joseph Powell died. He perhaps saw him buried. He was 27 years old when his father died. twenty eight years old when Joab Powell and his sister, Jane Powell Beeler, left for Oregon, fifty years old when Ann Bridges died. He was 69 when Rachel Noel died. Was his close neighbor. He was 76 when Jane Beeler died. He was seeking information and writing it in a book. He reaches back 100 years. I have checked his data by examining records at Court Houses, with records kept by others, inscriptions on monuments, and I have never found an error.

When he says the father of Joseph Powell was John Powell and that John's wife was Nannie Todd, I think he knew. I am open to convictions but I am going to believe his records rather than guesswork of modern historians.

We will never find his ancestors until we find John and Nannie Todd Powell. A family of Todds came to this country in 1736 and settled near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They were welsh descent and came because of the persecution of Charles II. This shows there were Todds there and Todds here.

He was 71 when I first met him. He was a fine christian character. Loved his church. Loved children and made them his friends. I am anxious to pass on to future generations the data that he so diligently worked to gather.

For information about this family, write to Miss Lenore Powell, Albany, Oregon. (Who died in 1953.) John Powell, Lee's Summit. A daughter of Louise Harris, Lee's Summit, is interested in family history. Mrs. Mary Hendricks, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

ANN POWELL

Ann Powell, first daughter of Joseph and Hanna Hewson Powell, was forn August 18, 1805, in Claiborne County, Tennessee. She married James Bridges in 1819. James Bridges was born November 16, 1799 in Claiborne County, Tennessee. He and Ann came to Missouri in 1832. Tehy lived the first year with the partnets of James Bridges who had already established a home four miles north of Blue Springs near Lebb Church.

In 1833 they settled three miles south of Blue Springs in Section 12, Township 48, Range 31. Theyhad the following children: William, Thomas, James, Louisa, Absalom, Elmira, Joseph, John Coleman, and Silas.

JOSEPH POWELL BRIDGES

Joseph Powell Bridges was a son of Ann Powell Bridges and James Bridges. Born in 1832 about four miles north of Blue Springs. In 1833 was taken by his parents to their farm three miles south of Blue Springs. This later became his home. It is still in the possession of his two daughters Lillian and Mary Randall.

He first married Sarah Tatum in May 1858. She died November 4, 1862. They had one son, William.

He married the second time Laura E. Harris, January 6, 1867. They had two daughters, Sarrah Lillie, and May Jane. Lillian married William Randall on May 11, 1897. Theyhave one son, William. Mary married Adon J. Randall on June 17, 1902. They had one son, Adrian, who died in 1930. They moved to Independence and spent their last years there. He died March 24, 1904 and she on September 2[illegible], 1930. Both are buried at Independence.

They loved their relatives and made them welcome. They were

interested in family history. The unusual thing about this family was that they all lived together. The two brothers, the two sisters, their sisters, their children and the parents. It is said, no house is big enough for two families. This seemed to be an exception to the rule. They lived together in unity. William is now dead. Their address is 201 South Pleasant St., Independence, Missouri. They are deeply interested in family history, have much valuable data. They can furnish information as to other members of the Bridges family.

JANE POWELL

Jane Powell, second daughter of Joseph and Hannah Jewson Powell, was born in Claiborne County, Tennessee, August 22, 1807. She married John Beeler, who was born May 8, 1802. They came to Missouri in 1832. One of the first cabins built in the Lone Jack neighborhood was built by Squire Bridges in Section 32, Township 47, Range 29, three miles southeast of Lone Jack. He sold this farm to John and Jane Powell Beeler. He owned another farm north of Lone Jack, near the lone tree, lived there until 1836. About 1836 or 1837 he left and did not tell his best friends where he was going.

John and Jane Beeler had seventeen children, namely: Mary, Esther, Joab, Orlena, Peter, John, Martha, Rebecca, Charlotte, William, Elmira, Sarah, Rachel, Lucinda, Joseph, Charles, and Sam. One daughter still lives. Perhaps the only living grandchild of Joseph (1938). They went with Joab Powell to Oregon in 1852, and settled close to where Providence Church was built. Hr furnished the land on which the Cemetery is located. He died in 1864 and is buried at Providence Church Cemetery. She died in 1900 and is buried beside her husband, they beside her brother, Joab and his sister, Ann Beeler Powell. She was 93 years old. Lived-to be the oldest of the children of Joseph and Hannah Jewson Powell.

Rachel Beeler, daughter of John and Jane Powell Beeler, was first

married to William Powell, and was later married to John Daniels. She remained in Missouri and is buried at Lone Jack. Orlena started to Oregon with her parents. After two days returned to Lone Jack and married David Yankee. They had several children. Some lived in Odessa, some in Independence and some near Lone Jack. Orlena lived to be old. Died a few years ago. Is buried on the Yankee farm near Lone Jack. Most of the descendents of John and Jane Beeler live in Oregon. Perhaps Lawrence David Powell would know about this family. Just recieved a Kodak picture of their monument.

JOHN W. BEELER
1802---1864

JANE BEELER HIS WIFE
1807---1900

MARY POLLY POWELL

Mary Powell, third daughter of Joseph and Hannah Jewson Powell, was born March 10, 1810. Stephan Adams was born in 1803 in Wilks Co., North Carolina. In 1824 he went to Claiborne County, Tennessee. July 15, 1826 Stephan Adams and Mary Powell were married. They came to Missouri in the fall of 1828. Settled on a farm in Section 16, Township 50, Range 31, Jackson County, Missouri. For many years he was clerk of Salem Babtist Church, which they united with. They had the following children: Ann, Nelson, Rachel, Jonathon, William, Mary, Washington, Martha, Ada and Laura.

Mary died on October 28, 1857. She is buried on a hill north of the house. Several of their children are buried there also. He died in 1887 and is buried in Salem Church cemetery. This cemetery was established in about 1880.

Many of the descendents of Mary and Stephen Adams live in Jackson and Lafayette Counties. The children of their son, Nelson, live on Spring Branch Road and Highway No. 7. William Adams, another grand-

son, lives at Blue Springs. Operates a large dairy. Perhaps Lillian and Mary Randall can furnish information about this family. Also Elmer Adams of Blue Springs.

RACHEL POWELL NOEL

Rachel Powell, the youngest daughter of Joseph and Hannah Jewson Powell was born April 6, 1812 in Claiborne County, Tennessee. Married James Noel, April 1, 1830. He was born November 1808. Died March 28, 1877. She died 1893. (Record of Alvis Powell).

They came to Missouri in 1832. The first year they lived near John and Jane Powell Beeler on a farm in the same Section of Squire Bridges, three miles south east of Lone Jack. In 1833 they made settlement west of Lone Jack on prairie land that was considered worthless. He became owner of a large body of this land and was one of the leading citizens in these pioneer days. Perhaps there is not a more fertile tract of land the same size in Jackson County.

They had fourteen children: John, Elmira, Louisa, Alvis, Sarah, Joseph, James W., Marion, Emaline, Mary, Margaret, George, Martin and Absalom.

I knew Margaret, who married David Mayes. They often stopped with us on visits to Lone Jack. Knew George, and we visited them when living in Oak Grove. William Noel visited us. I knew and met more frequently, James W. the others I never knew.

JAMES W. NOEL

James W. Noel was a son of Rachel Powell Noel and James Noel. Born near Lone Jack, Sept. 18, 1841. Grew up on the farm of his parents in Section 14 - Township 47 - Range 30. He was a Confederate Soldier, with the commands of Cockrell, Hwyes and Robert Rennick. Participated in the Battle of Lone Jack. He was held a prisoner in Independence. After his release, went to Carrol County. At the close of the war went to Texas where he remained for twelve years. Spent

eight years in Kansas. Returned to Lone Jack where he became a successful farmer. Became the owner of 640 acres of the best land in that community. He was educated in the public schools. A man of unusual native ability. His common horse sense mad him a leader of men. He married M. J. Cox in 1883. A native of Van Buren Township. They had three children: James C., Wm. Lee and Forrest Rothwell Noel.

Lee is dead. James C. lives in Independence. Forrest lives on the farm owned by his father.

In the Jackson County Memorials published in 1896, Mr. Noel furnished tha data of the Noel and Powell families. His data is almost identical with that of Alvis Powell. Enough difference in wording to show they were independent of each other. There are two differences. Alvis Powell gives the ancestors of Joseph Powell, Noel says Joseph served as an officer in the Revelutionary War. This brings us to the disussion of the question "did Joseph Powell fight in the American Revelution?" I have always felt that he did not. I am going to analyze my own reasoning. First, he was a Quaker in belief and they were opposed to war. In all wars many are forced to go. We sometimes put our patriotizm above religious convictions. My religous convictions are against war. "War is Hell." However, I would go in defense of my country.

Second: I have always felt he was too young. Sixteen at beginning and 23 at the close. I know many go even younger.

Third: I have always thought some of the children would have left written records. Then I thought my father was a Union soldier. His children all knew it. His grand children knew it. I have lost the name of his company. I have lost his papters of honorable discharge. His comrades are dead. I doubt if I could prove he was a Union soldier,

Fourth: I said to Forrest Noel, it does not seem possible that this illiterate, untrained country boy could have been and officer in

iterate and untrained country boy could be an officer in the Revelutionary War. He said the boys in those days were men and married when they were sixteen to twenty. As for beinf illiterate and untrained, he said possibly the others were even worse than he.

James Noel was a soldier. It would have been the unnatural thing if he had not wanted to whether Joseph Powell was a Revelutionary soldier. It would have been easy for him to ask his Mother. She certainly knew. She died in 1893, only three years before the data of James Noel was published. In addition to the testimony of James Noel, Jewell Mayes tells us that his grandparents, Wiley and Susan Powell Mayes often told of Joseph Powell regretting haveing taken part in military service along the Delaware. He says that William Mayes, of Lee's Summit, another grandson of Wiley and Susan Mayes, a son of Davis Mayes and Margaret Noel Mayes, often heard them say the same. No boy ever forgot things his grandparents told him. They would not tell him things untrue. Jewell says he has heard the older Noel boys speak of Joseph Powell being a soldier.

In the light of the above evidence I am convinced that Joseph Powell WAS A SOLDIER IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

I do not think we have the proof. I have the records from Washington. From these records I find no one who seems to fit our Joseph.

In the new court house in Kansas City is a bronze tablet in memory of Joseph Powell as a Revelutionary soldier buried in Jackson County. It may be an honour worthily bestowed. The date on which it is based is erroneous. This Joseph was born in 1750. Our Joseph was born in 1760. The father of this Joseph Powell was Joseph Powell, Sr. The father of our Joseph was John Powell, His Mothe , Nannie Todd Powell. This Joseph was a taxpayer in 1774. Our joseph was only fourteen in 1774.

It may be that someone has evidence of which I know nothing. If so I am glad Elias Fowell was poor.

Let me tell you of John Fowell and Martha Todd Fowell. Can it be possible that Elias Fowell did not know? He wanted to know and had opportunity to find out.

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MARTIN RICE

I have quoted much from Martin Rice. Who was he? He was born in Tennessee, November 22, 1814. He was a friend of the Fowells. Two of the Fowell boys, Jonathon and Absalom, married sisters of Enoch Rice, the father of Martin. His father entered a farm near Lone Jack in 183 Martin was the oldest son, nineteen years old at that time. He helped his father open his farm and clear a small tract. He hired out to Thomas Hamlin, who lived on the farm where Pleasant Garden Church and Cemetery are located, at $10.00 per month. In winter he taught a small school in a small house, for small pay. In summer of 1835 he lived with Absalom Fowell near Salem Church and cropped with him. In the fall he burned brick near Lone Jack. In the fall, with the money he had saved, he entered land near his father. In a few months he sold this land and entered land in Cass County. In 1836 he married Mary Lynch, a sixteen year old girl at Greentown, Lafayette County. This place is often spoken of by the old pioneers. Before Odessa was built this was a small village four miles north. Had two or three stores, two or three doctors, three churches, a school, mill and blacksmith shop.

He and his young bride settled in their new home. His closest neighbor was a mile and a half away. His closest neighbor on the south was twenty miles away. He lived here for twenty seven years. His wife died. His father died. He came back to Lone Jack neighborhood and bought the home of his father where he lived until his death.

He had three months schooling. Never saw the inside of a grammer. He taught a term of school in Tennessee and a term near Lone Jack. Carried his grammer in his hat and studied it when he was resting his team. He mastered the system of surveying and was elected surveyer of Cass County. Laid off the present town of Harrisonville. He became the equal if not the superior of the college professors, in mathematics. He became a poet and wrote "Rural Rhymes."

He planted the first nursery and grew trees. Said they would be his monument when he was gone. He died December 5, 1903. He is buried in Pleasant Garden Cemetery. He was a member of the Lone Jack Baptist Church.

He was always in demand at the Old Settlers meetings. Usually read and original poem. He was a self made and self educated man. He never accumulated much property. In the History of Jackson County he writes the chapter of Van Buren Township. From this I have gathered much information that was helpful in the writing of these sketches.

EARLY SETTLEMENTS

Jackson County was not settled as early as Lafayette and other Counties. The territory embraced within its limits, also Cass and Bates, was occupied by the Osage Indians. The government in 1808 bought from the Osage Indians a tract of land six miles square along the river in the north part of the county. It was first called Fort Osage. Later called Fort Sibley, after Gen. Sibley, the officer in command. When the fort was abandoned, the town retained the name Sibley and the township retained the name Fort Osage. A few people lived in this six mile district to support the fort. There were no permanent settlements. By treaty the Indian Title was extinguished June 2 1825. Fort Osage Township including the six mile territory was the first settlement; among Hudspeth, Joel and Richard Chiles, Greggs, Michael Rice, William Franklin and many others. This was 1826.

The next settlement was in Blue Township, Independence east. This was in 1827 and 1828. Among them Solomon Fluarney, John McCoy, Leonard Hennick, Stephen Adams, Joab Powell and many others.

The next settlement was at West Fort. The next was at Lone Jack. Began about 1830. Among the first settlers were; Squire Bridges, John Powell, Charles Hopper, Isaac Dunway, Daniel Graham. In 1832 John Beeler and James Noel, who had married daughters of Joseph Powell arrived and settled in this area also.

The next settlement was near Blue Springs. Among the early settlers here were James and Ann Bridges, who esta blished a home about three miles south. The tide had been held back by the Indian Title and when it was removed the people came with a rush from Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee and the land along the streams and in timber was soon taken. Prairie land was considered worthless. When did the Powells come?

Richard Powell settled in Section 17, Township 49, Range 27, Lafayette County in 1820. Mary Powell Adam settled in Section 16, Township 50, Range 31 in 1828. Joab settled in Section 32, Township 50, Range 31, in 1828. Some evidence he came sooner. I think not.

Absalem Powell settled in Section 21, Township 50, Range 31 in the year 1831. Joathon Powell came in the year 1851. Died before making settlement. Ann Bridges (Powell) and James her husband came in the year 1832. Lived one year with his father north of Blue Springs. In 1833 settled in Section 12, Township --?, Range 31.

Jane Powell Beeler and her husband John came in 1832 and bought a farm from Squire Bridges three miles south east of Lone Jack in Section 32, Township 47, Range 29.

Rachel Powell Noel with her husband James came in 1832. They first lived in the same section with the Beelers, on Roop farm. In 1833 they settled on Section 14, Township 47, Range 30. When did the

father Joseph come? This is a guess. Here is mine. It is certain he [illegible] [illegible] Jonathan [illegible]

He still had his home in Tennessee when Mary Powell Adams and Joab came in 1826. They were the first of his children to come, except of course for Richard, who had come out in 1820. Their trip was more or less a venture. John came in 1830 and settled near Lone Jack. Rachel Powell Noel was not married until the summer of 1830. Not likely that he would have left his last young daughter. Jane Powell Beeler and Rachel Powell Noel came in 1832. It is not likely he came with them. They lived the first year with James' people until he could build his home.

Absalom came in 1831. The children of Joseph were all married. Many of them had already come to Missouri. The others were planning to do so soon. My guess is he came with Absalom in 1831. Perhaps Absalom had no house. They may have lived with Josb and Mary Powell Adams for while. The fact that he is buried on the farm near Joab indicates he lived with Joab. The fact that Hannah Jewson Powell, his wife, lived with Mary after his death indicates that he might have lived with her.

Salem Church is in the north central part of the county. On Highway 24 . About three miles south of the Missouri River. It was located on the farm of Absalom. John and Joab lived two miles south. John moved here from Lone Jack in 1833. Mary Adams lived one mile north of Salem.

Salem Church is about thirty miles from Lone Jack, located in the southeast corner of the county. Salem Church is about thirty miles from the home of Richard Powell, who lived east in Lafayette County. Salem Church is about thirty miles from the home of Wiley and Susan Powell Mayes. They lived across the river northeast in Ray County. It is about thirty miles from the home of Richard Powell

to Lone Jack. About thirty miles from the home of Richard to the home of Riley Mayes as the crow flies.

The first Post Office established in the county was in Independence in 1827. The first marriage was Joseph Poon to Betty Wilson. The first baby was Lucinda Wilson. The first death was John Wilson. First Doctor was Doctor Flournoy. The first lawyer was Judge Hicks, the first teacher was Rev. William Ferrial. First church organization and building was Six Mile. The first preacher was Joab Powell. Other preachers from Lexington and Greenton came and held services in groves and dwellings.

CHURCHES AND CEMETERIES

Where are these old people buried? In these pioneer days there are no roads except the cow trail. No conveyance except the ox cart. The churches were in walking distance of the home where they met for worship and social visits. Their buried dead were on the nearest hill top.

MOORE CEMETERY

This cemetery is situated in Section 32, Township 50, Range 31 three miles east of Independence, close to the home of Joab Powell. Many of the Moores are buried there. John and Elizabeth Meador, the Meadors and Moores were related to the Powells by marriage, Robert Moore married Esther Powell, daughter of Joab. A few stones are well preserved. Others are broken and fallen. Some graves are marked by small slabs with only initials. Some are marked by native stones. Jewell Mayes says: That Joseph Powell was noted for his "devoutness and noble traits of character." He was Quaker in belief. The tenants of his faith was to "love God with all your heart and thy neighbor as thyself." There were churches of his faith in this community. His children had married and gone. He was a lonely old man. It was fitting that he worship his God in the forests and hills that surrounded

the home of his son Joab. He died February 14, 1835. It was fitting that he be carried to the top of one of these hills and laid to rest.

This cemetery is now in a large blue grass pasture. Large forest trees have grown up among the graves. His grave may be marked by a tree growing over it. When I first saw this cemetery my first thought was to get his descendants to contribute and fence and beautify it. My next thought was that it could not be made more beautiful than it has been made by the hand of nature. What is more lovely than a tree/ What more beautiful than a hill of blue grass? On the top of this hill, beneath the shade of a beautiful forest tree, with blue grass for a covering, peacefully sleeps our ancestor, JOSEPH POWELL.

BRIDGES CEMETERY

In 1833 James and Ann Powell Bridges located in Section 12, Township 48, Range 31, three miles south of Blue Springs. Not long afterwards they lost their young daughter, Elmira. They took her to a high elevation north of the house and buried her under a large forest tree. Later they lost several slave children. They placed them at the feet of little Elmira. The mother of James Bridges made her home with them. She passed away and was placed there. After the death of Joseph Powell, his wife Hannah Jewson Powell went to live with Ann and James Bridges. She died about the middle of 1840's. She was buried there. Her grave is in sight of the home of her daughter, Ann, who, in her last days, ministered to her with tender love and devotion. James and Ann Bridges sleep here, and a few other real relatives of the Bridges family.

ADAMS CEMETERY

Salem Church was organized with about twenty members in 1827. First worshiped in the groves in summer and dwellings in winter. Later they built a log house and later a frame. This was burned in 1871. The present house was then built. A large brick building.

State High by 24 road along the south side. The Blue Hills road branches off in front of the church and runs north east by Six Mile Church to Hillsdale. The cemetery was not established until about 1[illegible]0. Stephen Adams was buried here in 1[illegible]. Many of his children and grand children. The cemetery is fairly well kept.

John Powell lived two miles south of here. He died in 1857, the same year as Mary Powell. There was at one time a cemetery on his farm but it has been nearly destroyed. His grave and his wife's father's has been lost. There are a few other cemeteries near by that I shall investigate.

POWELL CEMETERY

Richard Powell in the year 1820 settled in Section 17, north east of the present site of Odessa. His nearest neighbors were over near Lexington and Dover. Settlements were soon made not far away. In 1829 his wife, Rachel Jeems Powell, died. They took her one quarter mile east and buried her on a hill. Later their son Joseph was placed there. Richar died September 9, 1840 with typhoid fever and was buried beside his wife Rachel. An infant son Andrew, by his last wife Patsy Mayes Powell; his son David and daughter Jane Adams lived to be old and are buried here. About fifteen grand children and great grand children. In 1884 Patsy Mayes Powell. After his death she made her home with her son Thomas. Many of his descendents are buried in the Odessa Cemetery. Among them his son Thomas; Rev. T. L. Powell and Mary Catherine Whitsitt.

PLEASANT GARDEN

The first preaching services held in Van Buren Township were south west of the present site of Lone Jack, by James Savage; Joab Powell and other preachers came over from Greenton in Lafayette County. Final result was a church in the south west quarter of Section 25, Township 47, Range ~~40~~ 30. A house was built in 1838. It was called Pleasant Garden. The

Cemetery was adjoining. It is one mile south and one mile west of Lone Jack. A smooth tract on a high elevation. Here we find Rachel Noel, and her husband, James: the first wife of their son James .; their son Lee; Absalom Powell; his wife Elizabeth Rice Powell; Their son Oliver; Jonathon Powell on the right of his brother Absalom; Martin Rice and his father and mother Enoch and Mary Rice, and other relatives. Anna Rice Powell, wife of Jonathon, was buried in the family grave yard near Peculiar.

This old church was later torn down. The farm was sold to a man by the name of Rheem. It is now known as Rheem Cemetery. It is only fairly well kept. Those who have relatives there should beautify this spot. The name of Pleasant Garden should be restored and preserved. What a beartiful name for a cemetery, Pleasant Garden.

LONE JACK

The Pleasant Garden Church was divided over the mission question in 1842. Part of the members, with Joab Powell and other preachers, founded in the same year the Lone Jack Church. First called Basin Know. Others of the members founded a church three miles southeast of Lone Jack in 1842, built a house and called it Bethel. Lone Jack Cemetery is located about a mile east of the present church. Alvis Powell and some of the descendants of Rachel Beeler are here. Many of the descendants of Powells, Noels and Beelers are buried at Lee's Summit.

PROVIDENCE CEMETERY

In 1852 Joab Powell and family, Jane Powell Beeler and family, and others went to Oregon and located in Linn County. The first act of Joab was to plan and build a church. Providence is located about five miles south of Scio, Oregon. He was pastor until his death. Built a membership of 400. He was active in missionary work and it

is said he babtized 3000. John Beeler gave land near the church for a cemetery. He was buried there in 1864. His wife, Jane Powell Beeler, lived until the year 1900, age 93. She was the mother of 17 children were all born out side the hosrital. They never owned a care and never were on government relief.

Ann Beeler Powell, wife of Joab, died May 31, 1872, and is buried at Providence. Joab was bent beneath the load of pioneer life and the death of his wife crushed his spirit. His health was broken. On January 25, 1873 he came over to his nearest neighbor, Mrs. Burtenshaw, and said "Uncle Joab has had a call, he is going home to meet his God and Ann." About two hours later she sent her boy over to look after him. His large body lay on a pallet before the open fireplace, but his great spirit had gone to be with God and Ann.

They placed him beside his faithful wife in the shadows of his beloved church. Fifty years later, his followers, some were boys, grown to be old men, placed a large granite monument at his grave to mark his last resting place. Every year the third Sunday in June they have a reunion at the old Providence Church in memory of Joab Powell

The granite monument may crumble to dust, his church buildings may decay and fall, but the influence of Joab Powell over the hearts of men will go on to the end of eternity.

"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD FROM HENCEFORTH YEA? SAITH THE SPIRIT THAT THEY MAY REST FROM THEIR LABOURS; AND THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM."

Much of the information on Joab Powell I have gotten from his great-great grandson, Lawrence David Powell and from the book "Joab Powell, Homespun Missionary" by M. Leona Nichols, Portland, Oregon.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

ON THE POWELL FAMILY

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Information from affidavits of Settlers filing of Donation Land Claims at Oregon City, O. T.

JOHN POWELL

Arrived in Oregon Territory in Oct. 1852. Born in Tenn. in the year 1818. Married Emily Powell Mar. 15, 1838 in Missouri.

Donation Certificate No. 2383. Notification No. 2932. Patent issues Feb. 28, 1865.

312.50 acres.
Sections 34, 35, Township 10S, Range 1W
Section 3, Township 11S, Range 1W

Resided on this land from Nov. 1, 1852 to Aug. 29, 1853, the date affidavit signed.

PETER POWELL

Arrived in the Oregon Territory on the 3rd day of Oct. 1852. Born in Tenn. in the year 1822. Married his wife Nancy Powell in Jackson County, Mo. Oct. 7, 1843. Cultivated his land from Feb. 10, 1853 to June 8, 1853. Affidavit signed June 8, 1853.

320.00 acres. Sections 25, 26, Township 12S, Range 1W

Certificated No. 4400.

PHILIP G. CARMICAL

His notification No. 1159 states he intends to get married within one year. He arrived in O. T. May 20, 1852. Born in Illinois in the year 1828. Cultivated his land from Aug. 20, 1852 to Nov. 3, 1853. Married Ann Carmical his wife Jan. 16, 1853. William Prine and Stephen Davidson signed affidavits attesting for him.

Certificate No. 2086 Oregon City

Sections 3 and 10 Township 11S Range 1W 320 acres

JOAB POWELL JR. of Linn County O. T. and was a resident thereof on the 15th day of Oct. 1852, and that he was born in Mo. in 1834. Resided on public land in Oregon particularly described in Notification No. 3460 here in annexed, continuously from the 25th day of Sept. 1853 to the 5th day of Nov. 1853.

Subscribed and sworn before me
the 5th day of Nov. 1853 at Albany. Joab Powell.

John E. Lines, Clerk District Court, Linn County, O. T. Second Judicial District.

Notification No. 3460 Oregon City

S ½ of the NE ¼, the SE ¼ of the NW¼, and the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 24 Township 11S Range 1W containing 160 acres.

Certificate No. 3208. Patent issued Mar. 31. 1868

PETER W. BEELER, single man, arrived in Ore. Terr. Sept 5, 1852, Was born in Jackson County Mo. Feb. 27, 1833.

Affidavit signed May 30, 1859 says he has resided on his claim from May 1, 1855 to May 30, 1859. Witnessed by John N. Beeler, Robert Wilkinson and Peter W. Beeler on above date, May 30, 1859.

Notification No. 6657.
S ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 23 and the S½ of the SW ¼ of Section 24 in Township 11S Range 1W. Containing 160 acres.

Patent granted at Oregon City, July 24, 1877. Certificate No. 4958.

ELIAS POWELL

Certificate No. 2381. Notification No. 2933.
Patent Feb. 28, 1865. Oregon City.

Arrived in Oregon in Oct. 1852. Born in Claiborne County, Tenn. in the year 1823. Resided on his claim from Nov. 1, 1852 to Aug. 29 1853. Married to his wife Rebecca Powell in Jan. 1848 in Jackson Co. Mo.

Affidavits of settlers--Continued

SW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 26, Township 11S Range 1W - 40.00
NW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 26, Township 11S Range 1W - 40.00
S ½ of NW ¼ of Section 26, Township 11S Range 1W - 80.00
N ½ of SW ¼ of Section 26, Township 11S Range 1W - 80.00
SE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 27, Township 11S Range 1W - 40.00
NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 27, Township 11S Range 1W - 40.00
AMOUNTING TO--------320.00 Acres.

West ½ to Elias Powell and the east ½ to Rebecca Powell, his wife. Aug. 29, 1853. Oregon City.

JOAB F. BEELER

Certificate No. 2084 Notification No. 2511
Patent July 10, 1854 Oregon City

Arrived in Oregon on the 5th day of Oct. 1852. Was born in Tenn. on or about the year 1829. Resided on his claim not. No. 2511 from Dec. 6, 1852 to June 8, 1853. Married with America Jane Beeler on Nov. 7, 1852 in Yamhill County, Oregon. June 8, 1853.

321.7/100 acres. Claim No. 49 being a part of section 35 and 36 Township 12S Range 1W and claim No. 54 being a part of Section 1 and 2 in Township 13S Range 1W
South ½ to Joab F. Beeler and the north ½ to America Jane Beeler, his wife. Donation Land Claim Certificate No. 4161.

Affidavit of settler No. 2278

JOAB POWELL, of Linn County, in Territory of Oregon, being first duly sworn, says that he is a white male settler on Public Lands in Oregon. That he arrived in Oregon in Oct. 1852, that he was above the age of 18 years on the 1st day of Dec. 1850 and that he is a native born citizen of the United States and that he was born in Claiborne County, Tenn. in the year 1799. That he has personally resided upon and cultivated that part of the public lands in Oregon, particularly described in the Notification No. 2278 hereinto annexed, continuously, from the 10th day of Mar. 1853 to the 11th day of May 1853.

And he further states that he is intermarried with Anna Powell, his wife, and that he was legally married to her on the _____ day of June about 1818, in Claiborne County, Tenn.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 11th day of May 1853 in Oregon City, Oregon Territory. Joab Powell.

John B. Preston Surveyor General of Oregon

Affidavits attested to above were also signed by the following persons:
Silas Powell, at Oregon City, May 11, 1853.
John Powell, at Oregon City, Aug. 29, 1853.

Notification No. 2278 Joab Powell, Sr.

E ½ of SE ¼ of Section 33, Township 10S Range 1W
W ½ of SW ¼ of Section 34, Township 10S Range 1W
W½ of NW ¼ of Section 3, Township 11S Range 1W
E ½ of NE ¼ of Section 4, Township 11S Range 1W

The west ½ unto Joab Powell and the east ½ unto Anna Powell, his wife. Title on above lands given at Oregon City May 24, 1873.

JOHN BEELER

Arrived in Oregon Territory Oct. 18, 1853. Was born in Claiborne County, Tenn. in the year 1802. Cultivated his land from Oct. 29, 1853 to the 27th day of Nov. 1854. Intermarried to Jane Beeler on Oct. 16, 1824 in Claiborne County, Tenn.

Witnesses were Jacob Snoderly, Lymon Pomeroy, when he signed final papers on Dec. 17, 1859. Land had been abanded by J. A. Hurst. His land was in Sections 9, 10, 15. Township 11S Range 1W. 320 acres.

JAMES N. RICE D. L. C. Certificate No. 2638 Oregon City Land Office. 320 acres in Section 23 Township 14S Range 1W.

FREDRICK BUNN, of Yamhill Co., in the Territory of Oregon being first duly sworn, says that he is a white male settler on public lands in Oregon, that he arrived in Oregon in Sept. 1851, and was above the age of 18 years on the 1st day of Dec. 1850, and that he is a native born citizen of the United States.

And that he was born in Bedford County, Tenn, in the year 1825. That he personally resided on lands in Oregon, particularly described in Notation No. 1552 hereinto annexed, continuously from the 24th day of July 1852 to the 19th day of Jan. 1853. And he further says that he is intermarried with Elmira Bunn, his wife, and that he was legally married to her on the 27th day of April, 1851, in Jackson County, Missouri.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 19th day of Jan. 1853
at Oregon City, Oregon Territory. Fredrick X Bunn.
his mark
John B. Preston Surveyor General of Oregon Notification No. 1558

320.93 acres Yamhill, Oregon.

A part of Sections 17 and 18 Township 3S Range 4W
North ½ to Fredrick Bunn and the south ½ to his wife Elmira Bunn.

Certificate No. 3545. Patent granted July 31, 1869. Oregon City.

UNITED STATES CENSUS

Claiborne County, Tennessee 1850

1145 - 1145	Age	Where Born
George Powell	28	Virginia
Mary Powell	23	Tennessee
Houston Powell	7	"
James Powell	5	"
Addline Powell	3	"
Martha Powell	1	"
1158 - 1158		
Joseph Powell	78	North Carolina
Seely Powell	78	"
Jefferson Powell	30	Virginia
Anna Powell	28	"

(No Robinettes on 1850 Claiborne Co. Census)

914 - 914		
Richard Powell	24	Tennessee
Nancy W. Powell	26	"
Kindred B. Powell	6	"
Jonathan E. Powell	3	"
Jesse N. Powell	2	"

United states Census Claiborne Co., Tenn. 1850 continued

915 -915	Age	Where Born
Jonathan Powell	55	Virginia
Elias Powell	21	Tennessee
Anna Powell	48	"
Martin Powell	17	"
Jonathan Powell	19	"
Rosannah Powell	15	"
Hiram Powell	14	"
Wm. L. Powell	11	"
Alvis Powell	8	"
Isaac M. Powell	7	"
Mary A. Cusly	23	"
Synthia J. Ously	2	"
John W. Ously	6/12	"
Sarah A. Ously	5	"
1115 - 1115		
Washington Powell	35	Virginia
Elizabeth Powell	30	"
James L. Powell	12	"
Henry H. Powell	11	"
John A. Powell	9	"
Margaret F. Powell	5	"
Matilda C. Powell	4	Tennessee
Frances A. Powell	2	"
1116 - 1116		
Harvey Powell	35	Virginia
Sarah Powell	33	Tennessee
Martha J. Powell	12	"
Lousia Powell	10	"
Emeline Powell	8	"
Wm. H. Powell	6	"
Nathan Powell	3	"
Francis M. Powell	3/12	"
James Koker	30 Laborer	"

UNITED STATES CENSUS

Claiborne Co. Tennessee 1830

Name of head of family	Males	Females
JOHN POWELL	1 - under 5 yrs. 2 - 5 to 10 yrs. 1 - 15 to 20 yrs. 1 - 40 to 50 yrs.	1 - 10 to 15 yrs. 1 - 40 to 50 yrs.
JOSEPH POWELL	1 - 5 to 10 yrs. 1 - 15 to 20 yrs. 1 - 20 to 30 yrs. 1 - 70 to 80 yrs.	1 - 15 to 20 yrs. 2 - 60 to 70 yrs.

U. S. CENSUS Claiborne County, Tennessee. Continued----

Name of head of family	Males	Females
JONATHAN POWELL	2 - under 5 yrs. 2 - 5 to 10 yrs. 2 - 10 to 15 yrs. 1 - 20 to 30 yrs. 1 - 30 to 40 yrs.	1 - under 5 yrs. 2 - 20 to 30 yrs. 1 - 5 to 10 yrs.
ABSALOM POWELL	1 - under 5 yrs. 1 - 20 to 30 yrs. 1 - 50 to 60 yrs.	3 - under 5 yrs. 1 - 15 to 20 yrs. 1 - 30 to 40 yrs.

JAMES AND RACHEL NOEL
Of Lone Jack, Missouri.

Their daughter, Elmira Noel, was married on April 28, 1851 to Frederick Bunn, who was born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on November 3, 1825 and went with his father, John Bunn, to Lone Jack, Missouri about 1835 where the family home was established. Frederick Bunn and his wife Elmira (Noel) Bunn, left Lone Jack the same year they were married and started for Oregon, arriving at North Yamhill on September 20, 1851, after which he took up a Donation Land Claim four miles west of the town and resided there until he established his home in the town a few years later. He died June 15, 1880.

Their son, John Marion Bunn, was born on the old homestead at Yamhill. He married Mary E. Hawn, a daughter of Jacob and Harriet Elizabeth (Pierson) Hawn who came to Oregon in November 1843 and settled in Oregon City, going in 1846 to Lafayette, Yamhill County, then moving to The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon on November 18, 1861.

John Marion Bunn assisted on the old donation claim of his father until 1887, when he purchased 160 acres lying, partly in the present city of Yamhill, where they lived until he died, his widow later moving to Portland. She was born at Lafayette, Oregon. In the family of John and Mary E. Hawn Bunn there were 10 children:

Mrs. Minnie Frazer, who lived in Portland;

Two children who died in infancy:

Mrs. Dora Newton, of Prineville, Oregon;

Fred Bunn, of Carlton, Oregon;

Mrs. Edna Moore, of Portland, Oregon;

W. R. Bunn of Yamhill; and Cleveland and Lloyd Bunn of Portland.

The above son, W. R. Bunn, of Yamhill, Oregon was born on the old donation claim 2½miles north west of Carlton in 1881. Married on September 22, 1914 to Flossie Leland, a daughter of A. H. and Cora (Maguire) Leland, natives of Michigan. They have two children: Winston Bunn, born June 18, 1916; and Donna Marion Bunn, born March 22, 1922. W. R. Bunn purchased a drug store in Yamhill in 1910 which he and his wife run. They also own 115 acres of the old Donation Land Claim of his grandfather. He was mayor of Yamhill for two years.

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By S.J. Clarke Pub. C. Chicago --1927
Univ. of Oregon Library, Eugene, No. 979.5 c 549 hw v. 3.

THE POWELLS

In the Carter County records, 1797, we find Joseph and John Powell as merchants at Elizabethtown. In Hawkins County, Tennessee records we find Samuel Powell as Master of the first Masonic Lodge (1805). He was a lawyer and a Presbyterian. Later he was a congressman and judge. In the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rogersville, we find this tombstone inscription: "Hon. Samuel Powell, born July 10, 1776; died August 3, 1841. Mary C. Powell, his wife ".

William Powell made a will in Laurens County, South Carolina on November 19, 1816, and named a daughter, Polly Powell. She became the wife of Joseph South. And back in March 17, 1792, Christopher Morrow and wife Ann, made a deed to the above William Powell for some lands on the north side of Saluda River, on Pinson's Creek, Laurens County, South Carolina, the lands being bounded on

the south by the lands of John Powell.

Old records of Culpepper County, Virginia (1776) show that both John and William Powell were there among the Osments and the Taylors.

In early 1800's in Blount County, Tennessee, Benjamin H. Powell married Adaline Wallace. From Roane County, Tennessee records 1802, a John Powell married Ann Carter. These Powells were neighbors and kinsmen of Zaza Brashears and John B. Rice. (Thia John B. Rice later settled in white County, Tennessee, near Sparta.

From records of Cannon County, Tennessee in 1836 among first magistrates were Thomas Powell, Isaac Findley and William Bates--all kinsmen of the Rice's.

We find back in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, a Robert Powell married Sarah Taylor, daughter of James Taylor, in 1775.
"Colonial Virginia, its people and customs." 1624 - 1625. Later immigrants to Virginia.

Among the Yeomen and Merchants is John Powell, Yeoman. He had a son of his own name, who was a Burgess for Elizabeth City. 1666 - 67.

Knox County, Tennessee. 1794. Lewis Brim, on jury several times. James Spence, John Miller, James Miller, in court trials.

MISSIONARY BABTIST CHURCH FORMED HERE.

With an initial membership of 30, the Missionary Babtist Church of Prineville was organized in the Presbyterian Church building Sunday, by the members of the faith who have been working at the Babtist Mission. T. E. Griffith is pastor and J. O. Powell is deacon and church clerk.

Crook County Journal, Prineville 2/24/1927. An old fashioned singing school led by J. O. Powell, Deacon of the Missionary Babtist Church, of Prineville, was started Thursday night with an enrollment of 36 members. The school will meet each Saturday night at the Mission, and Deacon Powell will teach rudiments of note reading.

---The central Oregonian, Prineville May 3, 1927.

The Powell quartet, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Powell and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, was called to the Dalles last Tuesday to sing at the funeral of Mrs. Albert Allen, a former resident of this city.

---The Central Oregonian, Prineville May 26, 1927.

THE CONSTITUTION OF 1820 By F. W. Lehman

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The following account copied from the above Magazine: "From the beginning there was a general law authorizing the Courts to grant divorces for specified causes and this jurisdiction was exercized by the Courts as it is now and held by them to be exclusive. None the less, the General Assemble granted divorces by special Acts. The Legislature of 1832 - 33 granted 49, that of 1844 - 45 granted 53. If anything is sui - generis it is a divorce suit. The right or the wrong in the case is personal, individual, and yet the Legislature of 1832 - 33 bundled 37 divorce cases into one omnibus bill and the bill passed on one roll call. Of the 49 divorces enacted by this Assemble, 46 were betoed by the Govenor, but the bills were all of them promptly passed over his veto. The title of the Act did not always indicate its purpose, as for example it was "An Act for the relief of Thomas Foley" or an Act for the relief of Caroline Taylor." In most of the cases the cause for the divorce was not stated, not even which of the parties was applicant, therefore: IN THE CASE OF BARBARA AND RICHARD POWELL, the entire Act Reads:

"Whereas it appears from the petition of both parties that they wish to be separated, and cannot live happily together and as the happiness of the people should be the ultimate end and object of all Government; therefor be it enacted by the General Assemble of the State of Missouri that the bonds of matrimony, heretofore contracted between Barbara Powell, late Barbara McClelland, and Richard Powell

be and the same are hereby revoked, and that the parties to said marriage are hereby divorced from the bonds of matrimony by them contracted to and with each other."

JOHN POWELL'S CLOCK

M. E. Powell of this city possesses a rare heirloom. He has a Seth Thomas clock, one that is known as a weight clock, in his home in Prineville, that has passed the 90th year of work, It is still in excellent mechanical condition. It strikes every hour clearly. This anti-quated piece of furniture was made in Plymouth, Connecticutt, and carefully wrapped in a feather mattress and brought across the Continent from Missouri in 1852. The original owners home was in Linn County, and was the property of John Powell, oldest son of Joab Powell. Mark Powell acquired the clock after his parents had passed away in Prineville. His uncle, Abraham Powell, had it in his possession for twelve years. In a letter to the present owner he said, "If you pay the postage, you can have the Clock." Mark sent $1.00 and the clock was his. When it had run 90 years it needed a new pendulum.--Albany Democrat - Heral April 10, 1926 (from Prineville Paper)

HORSEBACK RIDE AT 83YEARS OLD

The following clipping from a Missouri paper refers to a brother of Commissioner H. R. Powell of this city. The distance from Lone Jack to Independence spoken of in the article is 25 miles. The article follows:

"Alvis Powell, a Pioneer Citizen of the Lone Jack neighborhood, attracted consideralbe attention yesterday by riding horseback to Independence. Mr. Powell is 83 years old. He rarely goes to Independence now, but when he does he always rides horseback. He came from Tennessee in the early days. His father was a brother of Joab Powell, a well known and eccentric Minister of the Hard Shell Baptists, who preached throughout the country more than a half

century ago."

February 1, 1907 ---- Brownsville Times, Brownsville, Ore.

In the "Centennial History of Oregon, 1811 1911," by S. J. Clarke Co., (1912) Chicago, Ill. Volume 4, Page 661, is given the BIOGRAPHY OF W. W. TUCKER. This biography describes the number of wagons and number of men, and the route by which Captain Joab Powell let his wagon train to Oregon 1852.

ONE OF THE WORLDS LONGEST LIVES ENDS

Mrs. Margaret M. (Maggie) Powell (Mrs. John Powell) died yesterday. She was born in Scotland February 28, 1830. John Powell died in 1913. [Morning Oregonian, Portland, Friday, August 3, 1934.]

NOTE: Mrs. Margaret Powell's picture appeared in an earlier Oregonian, in connection with a poll the Oregonian was conducting to find the person who had subscribed to and read the Oregonian the longest number of years, and she was that one. She resided at Berlin, Oregon at that time, (See Oregonian index on this item and picture.)

"OLD STUFF AND NEW"

Albany Democrat - Herald--June 29, 1924. Written by Everett Earl Stanard.

ABRAHAM POWELL SAYS: I remember Missouri, we lived 10 miles from Independence, where our farm was. Providence Church was organized in John's cabin, one mile north of the present church.

Silas and Dan crossed the plains in 1850 with Old Charlie Rice. The Old is to distinguish him from the other Charles Rices. The Charles Claim (old) was between the Halsey road and the Calapooia River. Silas Powell's crossed the stream and ran to the bare buttes called Powell Hills.

Charles (old) was the father of Norvel. Norvel went up the Calapooia to take a claim near Holley. The hills up there are now full of his descendants. Norvel served in the Indian Wars and was

wounded. Old Charlie had a son by that name. Thus it comes about that there were three men by that name. Old Charlie's son Charles, died about a year ago in California Norvel had a son Charles. He is living and curiously enough bought from his Uncle Charles' estate the original Donation Land Claim of Old Charlie Rice. This tract lies along the edge of Brownsville. The deceased children of Silas and Harriet Rice Powell are: Sarah; Mary Ann; Armenta; David; Mrs. Olive Stanard.

People often wonder what we mean by Big Marion Powell and Little Marion Powell, both now deceased. Well, Big Marion was the son of my fathers brother, Richard, while Little Marion was the son of my brother John. John and Little Marion are best known in Eastern Oregon where they went from the Willamette Valley at an early date. Big Marion settled in Brownsville and was City Marshall there for many years. His father never came to Oregon.

The Powells which settled in the Crabtree and Albany regions west of Providence Church were three brothers and one sister. Alfred, Noah and John. They were from Ohio, members of the Christian Church and not related to us.

ABRAHAM POWELL

Funeral for Abraham T. Powell, who died at his home farm about one mile south of Scio, were held at the Babtist Church in this city at 1:15 P. M. Monday. Interment was in the family plot of providence Babtist Church Cemetery. Survivors of this venerable Pioneer are his four daughters: Mrs. Iva Abbot and Mrs. Calvin Phillipi of Scio; Lora Davidson of Sacremento, California; and Mrs. Britta Yates of Hermosa Beach, California. All were present. Mr. Powell had been a widower for many years. Rev. Britton Ross of Salem delivered the sermon. Rev. Victor Louks of Scio Babtist Church assisted.

Deceased was born in Missouri, September 1, 1841 and came to Oregon in an ox team wagon with his parents and brothers and sisters when nine years old. He had spent about 82 years in this immediate vivinity. Mr. Powell was the youngest son and last surviving member of this pioneer family of Joab Powell, early day Circuit Rider in this part of Oregon.

Hostile Indians as well as more civilized tribes were in evidence during the early life of Abe Powell, who gave later comers to Scio many interesting experiences of the pioneer families with the aborigines in this part of the Pacific frontier.

The name of Abe Powell was a household word in this vicinity for three-fourths of a century, and he will be greatly missed by young and old alike. He was disseminating good fellowship among friends here almost daily until the enception of the fatal illmess ten days prior to his death. Mr. Powell was a life long member of Providence Babtist Church near Scio. He frequently rehearsed early history and subsequent struggles and successes of this church. His father, Joab Powell, was one of the founders of the church in 1853 and his remains were buried there years ago. A marble memorial slab marks the site of his resting place in the Historic Cemetery.

Mr. Powell has amassed a competence as a farmer, which was his life work. He died possessed of valuable lands near the city. He was a principal stockholder in the Crown Mining and Milling Co., which operates gold and copper properties on the Little South Fork of the Santiam. He never lost faith in the ultimate proving of the potential value of the properties. Scio Tribune, Scio, Oregon. November 17, 1932.

DANIEL POWELL

Yesterday morning Daniel Powell, "Uncle Daniel" as he was called, passed away at his home in this city from heart failure. Mr. Powell had been suffering from his heart for some time but the city was shocked greatly at his death. For only that morning he had eaten a hearty breakfast and was seemingly in good health. Death came suddenly and almost without warning.

Daniel was the sicth son of Joab Powell, the Pioneer Evangelist of the Willamette Valley. He was born in Jackson County, Missouri 79 years ago. In 1850 he crossed the plains to Oregon and settled in Linn County, near Scio. Thirteen years later he married Miss Mary J. Carey and a few years later they crossed the mountains into Crook County where the family has ever since resided. Four children and his wife surviving him. The children are: Mrs. Mittie Prine of Lewiston, Idaho; Mrs. Elva Allen of Eugene; Farmer Powell of Prineville; Arch Powell of Prineville.

Prineville Review, Prineville April 11, 1907

(Note: Mary J. Carey was a sister of Miles Carey who married Nancy Robinett.)

THE CROOK COUNTY JOURNAL CENTRAL OREGONIAN
Prineville, Thursday, April 26, 1923.

DEED 60 YEARS OLD IS FAMILY HEIRLOOM

M. D. Powell treasures old conveyance, evidence of sale of 160 acres in Linn County. A deed of more than 64 years old, signed when Oregon was a Territory bearing the signatures of his grand parents, an uncle, his father and an early settler of Linn County, is a treasured heirloom in the possession of M. D. Powell of this city. The deed witnessed the sale of 160 acres of land in Linn County for $700.00, to John Powell, father of M. D. Powell, by Joab Powell and Ann Powell, his wife, grandparents of M. D. Powell. Joab Powell was the Pioneer Babtist Minister who established Providence Church on the Santiam and accomplished much as a missionary. Witnesses to the deed were Jacob Snoderly, father of Hugh Snoderly, and early settler in this section,

and Abraham T. Powell, youngest son of Joab Powell and uncle of M. D. Powell. The deed was executed before Jacob Snoderly, Justice of the Peace, November 26, 1858.

COPY:

Riceville Pike,
Athens, Tennessee.
September 11, 1954

Dear Folks:

The Joseph Powell book is both interesting and, from the standpoint of the genealogist, is most valuable. I am mailing a copy for the Lawson-McGhee Library and also a copy for my files. Thank you. I will return the book soon.

If folks out there are interested in D. A. R. membership, they have eligibility through Veterans Named Joseph or Jacob Beeler. Joseph Beeler was most probably the father of Esther Beeler Powell. He was buried in Grainger County, Tennessee. Jacob Beeler married Addie Hickle. He is buried in Jefferson County, Tennessee. Then the Whitsetts (Whitesides) came into Grainger County and I feel sure that both Thomas and Jenkin Whiteside were veterans of the Revolutionary War. Jenkin Whiteside was a United States Senator.

I have no doubt but that Joseph Bridges was a son of Morris Bridges, whose wife was a daughter of Nicholas Gibbs and that makes a descendant eligable.

As to the James kinship, Jeems is much used for James. Up at Elizabethton in Carter County, Tennessee and that was the site of the very first settlement in this State, known as the Watuaga Settlement. We learn in early records that a Jesse J. James and a Joseph Powell and a John Powell were there. I do not doubt that Joseph was a veteran, these Wataugans fought and won Kings Mountain and few records were kept, for these over-mountain men organized, did their duty, then

went home. Militia lists do not reveal all of their names. Then, when the Chickamaugas, incited by British Agents, gave trouble, Colonel Evan Shelby took 600 backwoods patriots and gave them a drubbing. No records were kept of this campaign, except that Captain James Shelby recorded the names of his 43 men. They all served without pay or hope of pay.

When Henry Rice built and fortified a mill in 1775, he was rendering aid to the cause, for the Cherokee were being incited against the frontier settlements by Stewart and Cameron, British Agents. Then from his patriotic service up there at his mill in Hawkins County, his descendants are eligible to the D. A. R. or sons of the Revelution.

When Annanias Hunnicutt was hanged at Tazewell in Claiborne County, Tennessee, Jesse James was hiding out over the mountains at some of his Howard kin. He even visited an old Quantrell comrade at Tazewell. This was a public hanging, and Jesse James gave a native a five dollar gold piece for the native's vantage-point where James might better see this execution. His old comrade later told of James' visit.

Sincerely

W. H. Thomas

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